

## House Resolution No. 1116

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

**Whereas**, Leon Deraps of Troop 120 has successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, March 13, 2005, at United Church of Christ Hall in California, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank is dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and expected troop service, a requirement admirably fulfilled by Leon through the billets of Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader; and

**Whereas**, diligent labors by Leon earned him induction into the Order of the Arrow and thirty-five merit badges which are arrayed on his uniform sash as a visual illustration of the diverse skills and knowledge which he has acquired as a Boy Scout; and

**Whereas**, in keeping with Scouting practice, Leon applied the knowledge which he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia and a rigorous hike through Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico; and

**Whereas**, Leon completed an Eagle Project which consisted of organizing the restoration of abandoned Hardiman-Beatty Cemetery north of Jamestown to serve as a capstone to his Scouting career and to stand as a constant reminder of his dedication to serving others, an admirable trait which justifies the esteemed role which Scouting plays in today's society; and

**Whereas**, Leon has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and will begin his training on June 14, 2005, to become an engineer:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Leon Deraps during his ten-year-long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for new Eagle Scout Leon Deraps, son of Dale and Sandy Deraps of Jamestown, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kenny Jones  
District No. 117

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1116, adopted March 8, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker